

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**  
**November 16, 2006**  
**Bigforksteering.org**  
**(Draft- Revised)**

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Don Loranger, Chuck Gough, Donna Lawson, Paul Mustacio, Kim Crowley, Brett Fisher, Pat Wagner, Mike Richeson, Steve Zabaro, Sue Hanson, Sally Janover, Carol Venable, George Darrow, Paul Guerrant, Gretchen Gates, Russ Kinzer, Denise Lang, Julie Spencer, Elna Darrow, Darrel Coverdell, John Bourquin, Claeice Ryan, Leslie Budewitz, Gary Ridderhoff

The Meeting Was called to order by Chairman Elna Darrow at 12:02 P.M.

**Program:** Kim Crowley, Director of Flathead County Libraries, was introduced to the group. She handed out 2 items on the library system which explained the Plan of Service and Facts and Figures up to May of 2006 of the County Library System. (Attached copies in notebook)

The main reason for the visit was to inform this group and ask for an endorsement from the Steering Committee on a letter that will be going to the county commissioners. (Attached copy in notebook). Bigfork has outgrown the 1440 sq. ft space library in the Cultural Center. Kim then showed slides of a new 6000 sq ft library in Colorado. She would like to see a 4000 sq foot library in Potoczny Park. This property is already owned by the county and would seem to be a logical place to house a new facility. Russ Kinzer, Superintendent of Schools, Paul Mustacio, Foundation for a Better Bigfork, (formerly BDC), Donna Lawson, representing the Chamber of Commerce, Gretchen Gates, business owner in Downtown Bigfork all spoke in favor of the concept. There were many questions from our group addressing funding, parking, traffic problems with intersection. It was explained that this is just a concept. There are no plans, no designs, and no discussions on traffic or parking yet. Donna Lawson did say that 2 foundations have verbally agreed to help with funding. The motion was made to add our organization's name to the letter Paul had written endorsing Potoczny Park as the site for the new library. (m/sc Wagner C, Janover)

John Bourquin then requested an amendment, to the motion,----- the signature be conditional with solving the items brought up by the members, i.e. parking, funding etc, (m/sc Bourquin, Guerrant) The amendment failed. Pat Wagner asked for an amendment--- include the words "at this time" be added to the motion. (M/sc Wagner, P, Janover). The second amendment failed. The original motion passed.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as emailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Gough reported a cash Balance of \$1537.01 as of November 15, 2006. (Report attached to note book).

**Committees:**

Resort Tax: No Report

## Lake County Zoning: No Report

**Old Business:** Don Loranger made a motion to postpone the December Public Presentation with BLUAC "on the strength of the revised plan be given not later than February 2007 and not earlier than January 2007." (m/sc Loranger/Lang). Motion Passed. A discussion followed with regard to a rescheduled date and nothing was decided. The county is also behind schedule and we owe the citizens of Bigfork a thorough review and even after we send it to the county there will be more public hearings. The motion passed. The meeting will be rescheduled when BLUAC is done with the review.

**Announcements:** Saturday will be Bigfork decorating day. Meet at The Bigfork Inn at 8:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts and sign up.

The next BLUAC Neighborhood Growth Plan will be November 21, 2006 at Bethany Lutheran Church 10:00 AM in the basement. Public is invited. Public Comments will be 3 minutes in duration and should also be in written form to be given to the secretary, Sue Hanson. They can be mailed and emailed to:

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Bigfork Steering Committee will meet next On November 30, 2006 at 12:00 at Bethany Lutheran Church in the basement.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:09

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